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APPLICANTS: Wright *et al.*
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FOR: NEUROPILIN ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES AND METHODS OF USING SAME TO MODULATE CELL GROWTH

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This paper is in response to the Office Action, mailed September 28, 2000, in the above-identified application. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a \$445.00 check as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). With this extension of time, the present Amendment and Response is due on March 28, 2001.

The undersigned Applicant's representatives file this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a). Applicant will subsequently file a Revocation by Assignee and New Power of Attorney. Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with the submission of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 21892-008).

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-6, 8, 10, 13, 14 and 16 and add claims 17-22, as follows:

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1. (Amended) An antisense oligonucleotide, or analog thereof, from about 7 [20] to about 100 nucleotides in length comprising a sequence complementary to a transcribed region of a neuropilin gene, wherein said oligonucleotide, or analog thereof, specifically binds to a nucleic acid comprising a sequence corresponding to said transcribed region and [selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1-30 as set forth in Table 1, which oligonucleotide] inhibits neuropilin expression.

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